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Re Patent Application of:
CARLO M. CROCE ET AL.

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Appln. No.: 09/513,888 : Examiner: Bronwen Loeb
Filing Date: February 25, 2000 : Attorney Docket No.: **9855-30U1**
Title: COMPOSITIONS, KITS AND METHODS RELATING TO THE HUMAN *FEZ1* GENE, A NOVEL TUMOR SUPPRESSOR GENE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to and including April 16, 2003 for responding to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2002 (Paper No. 34) and the subsequent Notice of Appeal, filed by applicants on September 11, 2002 and received by the USPTO on September 16, 2002.

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